

Appln. No. 10/783,456

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II. Remarks

Reconsideration and re-examination of this application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks are herein respectfully requested.

Upon entry of the above amendments, claims 10-14 are pending in the application.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 10-14 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(a) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 4,574,025 to Juairé et al. ("Juairé") or alternatively U.S. Patent No. 4,457,797 to Hatchadoorian et al. ("Hatchadoorian"). Applicants traverse this rejection.

As amended, the present invention claims a method of forming a wall panel wherein the first polymer sheet is formed with a plurality of reinforcement ribs, the second polymer sheet is formed substantially flat and the first polymer sheet is knitted to the second polymer sheet at the reinforcement ribs to form the wall panel.

As seen in Juairé, the Juairé panel does not form an inner or second sheet that is substantially flat.

In Hatchadoorian, the two sheets are secured together by an adhesive coated on the inside surfaces of one or both sheets (see col. 11 ll. 23 and 24) and not knitted together as claimed.

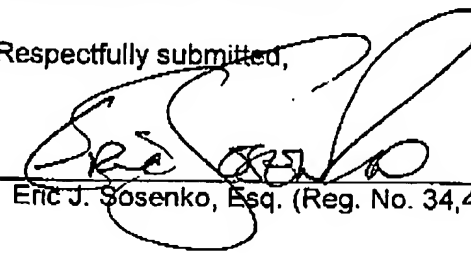
Conclusion

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the present form of the claims are patentably distinct over the art of record. Allowance of the claims is therefore warranted and requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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